

# **PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE**

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

A meeting of the General Membership of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on Thursday, September 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at Ashwaubenon Public Safety, 2155 Holmgren Way, Green Bay, WI.

**Present:** Joe Gabe, Jeff Janiak, Eric Johnson, Greg Dougherty, Joe Bertler, Kevin Tielens, Tom Hendricks, Ben Hermans, Tyler Jonet, Aaron Anderson, Matthew Omdahl, Greg Steenbock, Angie Cali, Brandon Dhuey, Joe Patenaude, Terry Rottier, Kevin Krueger, Douglas Dow

### **Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.**

Motion was made by Steenbock and seconded by Hendricks to adopt the agenda, with the exception that the date of the meeting should read September 7—not September 5. **Motion carried.**

### **Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Janiak to approve the minutes from the last meeting on June 1, 2017. **Motion carried.**

### **Item #3. Report of Task Force Activities.**

Dhuey reported that the Task Force was called out five times since the last meeting:

723 Maywood Ave., Howard (garage/undetermined)  
1671 Lenwood Ave., Howard (apartment/electrical)  
968 Willard Dr., Ashwaubenon (apartment/accidental)  
1602 Woodsdale Ave., Suamico (double fatal/residence/undetermined)  
1726 Island Ct., Howard (garage/accidental)

Dhuey stated there are still issues with getting investigators to respond to fires, but it is like that with other agencies as well. He pointed out that the department who has jurisdiction is responsible for holding the scene until an investigator arrives, however long that may take.

### **Item #4. Old Business.**

1. Dhuey reminded everyone that if attending the fall conference, you need to be registered and hotel room booked if staying overnight.
2. Reminder that all investigators III & IV are required to attend either spring or fall seminar unless excused by coordinator or administrator.

Item #5. New Business.

1. Dhuey stated that business cards are on order that you can distribute at fire investigations.

Item #6. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

Green Bay had several referrals.

Item #7. Other Business.

Patenaude will set up a WhatsApp chat group for the team to make communication easier.

Item #8. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting is set for Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Brown County Sheriff's Office, 2684 Development Drive, Green Bay, WI.

Motion was made by Steenbock and seconded by Gabe to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. **Motion carried.**

Item #9. Training.

Training consisted of a review of the basics of fire investigation—forms, rig, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent  
Recording Secretary